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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers



OF THE

TOWN OF

FREEDOM

NEW HAMPSHIRE



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*ANNUAL REPORT***TOWN OFFICERS, 1923****Moderator**

EDWIN L. HUCKINS

Town Clerk

WILLIAM C. BROOKS

Treasurer

ALMONT T. DURGIN

Selectmen

LEWIS BURNHAM

J. H. MITCHELL

CHARLES M. TOWLE

Board of Health

DR. E. B. ANDREWS

J. H. MITCHELL

LEWIS BURNHAM

CHARLES M. TOWLE

Tax Collector

WILLIAM A. BENNETT

Auditor

JOHN J. BRADBURY

Road Agents

FRED GODFREY

VERNE CONNER

Library Trustee

CHARLOTTE MILLIKEN

ABBIE NUTTER

NELLIE ALLARD

Supervisors

ALDO A. LOVERING

EUGENE HOPKINS

FRED STEWART

Fire Warden

JOHN E. PERKINS

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, in the County of Carroll, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs.

1. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of same.

2. To see if the town will vote to build a new snow roller and appropriate money for the same.

3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for cutting bushes.

4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the use of hydrants.

5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lighting.

6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the village bridge.

7. To see if the town will vote to buy a light road machine and appropriate money for the same.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the farmer telephone line so called.

9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the extermination of the white pine blister.

10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the extermination of the gypsy moth.

11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Old Home Week.

12. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing a new moving picture booth to meet the underwriters' requirement.

13. To see if the town will vote to paint the town hall and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see if the town will vote to repair the abutment at Huntress bridge and appropriate money for the same.

15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to apply on the town debt.

16. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid for the construction of roads and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for maintenance of State roads.

18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for summer highways.

19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for breaking roads.

20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for decorating soldiers' graves.

21. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

GEORGE F. HUCKINS,
L. G. BURNHAM,
J. H. MITCHELL,

Selectmen of Freedom.

TOWN OF FREEDOM

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TAXES ASSESSED FOR ALL PURPOSES

State tax,	\$1,125.00
County tax,	1,019.37
Defray town charges,	800.00
Cutting bushes,	125.00
Use of hydrants,	300.00
Street lights,	360.00
Painting town hall,	175.00
Town department,	2,000.00
State Aid construction,	685.50
State Aid maintenance,	1,000.00
Summer highways,	1,200.00
Breaking roads in winter 1921 and 1922,	850.00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	15.00
Public library,	26.40
Payment of interest on debt (school),	18.00
Tuition in high school,	200.00
Salaries of district officers and expense,	88.00
\$2.00 per capita, tax due school,	152.00
Due school from town for 1921,	20.00
To complete present school year,	425.00
Superintendent excess salary,	88.23
Medical inspection,	15.00
Tuition of Beda Gray,	90.00
Tuition of Helen Doherty,	60.00
280 polls @ \$2.00 to State,	560.00
School board budget,	2,305.29
Precinct tax, rate \$5.00 per 1,000,	500.78
Overlay,	674.28
	\$14,877.85

INVENTORY, APRIL 1, 1923.

280 Polls @ \$5.00,	\$1,400.00
10 Polls @ \$3.00,	30.00
	\$ 1,400.00
Land and buildings,	366,260.00

122 Horses,	10,950.00	
3 Ponies,	150.00	
28 Oxen,	2,195.00	
559 Cows,	10,840.00	
84 Neat stock,	3,555.00	
225 Fowl,	225.00	
17 Portable mills,	6,295.00	
2 Boats,	150.00	
15 Sheep,	67.00	
Wood and lumber,	34,107.00	
Stock in trade,	8,600.00	
		\$444,824.00

CONDENSED BUDGET

According to Chapter 129, of Laws of 1917, the Selectmen are required to make up a budget for the ensuing year, post and publish the same. A copy was posted with the Warrant, as required, and one placed on file, a condensed copy, which appears below.

	1922	1923
Town officers' salaries,	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
Town officers' expenses,	179.85	200.00
Election and registration,	178.00	100.00
Care and supplies of town hall,	281.39	280.00
Fire protection,	302.30	300.00
Painting town hall,	93.73	
Janitor service,	128.10	125.00
Police department,	5.00	5.00
Hedgehog bounties,	6.20	5.00
Health department,	34.00	35.00
Vital statistics,	10.25	10.00
Highway and bridge, summer,	1,336.61	1,200.00
State Aid maintenance,	2,394.86	1,200.00
Town maintenance, winter,	8,833.09	1,000.00
Street lighting,	360.00	360.00
General expense of town,	197.41	200.00
Library,	26.40	50.00

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Town poor,	152.02	
Patriotic purposes,	15.00	15.00
Soldiers' aid,	560.00	560.00
On temporary loan, interest,	70.84	100.00
On long term notes, interest,	334.50	350.00
On State Aid construction,	969.50	700.00
Short term note,	1,000.00	
State tax,	1,125.00	1,125.00
County tax,	1,019.37	1,019.37
Precinct tax,	500.78	500.78
School district,	3,531.27	3,531.27
Watering troughs,	34.50	34.50
Abatement,	313.07	
Cutting bushes,	132.09	125.00
Sheep killed by dogs,	5.00	
Village bridge,	4,015.11	
East Freedom bridge,	1,650.00	

EFFECT OF TAX RATES

Assessed valuation, 1922,	\$443,394.00
Estimated decrease in valuation,	25,000.00
Amount required by budget to be raised by property tax,	14,442.92

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY TAX COMMISSION

From property and poll taxes,	\$14,377.07
From the State:	
State Aid maintenance,	1,052.36
State Aid construction,	307.96
Village bridge,	886.01
Savings bank tax,	225.72
Fighting forest fire,	32.94
From local sources except taxes:	
Dog license,	67.00

Receipts of town hall,	331.00	
Receipts other than current revenue, temporary loans in anticipation of taxes:		
Rochester Trust Co.,	5,500.00	
Cash in hands of treasurer, Jan. 31, 1922,	989.25	
Precinct tax,	500.78	
Eugene Drake, auto permits,	52.46	
W. C. Brooks, auto permits,	474.90	
Nomination fees,	12.00	
Peddler's license,	5.00	
Long term note,	200.00	
J. H. Mitchell,	17.20	
C. M. Towle,	36.46	
		\$25,068.11
Balance due from W. A. Bennett, Collector,		469.56
		\$24,598.55

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Detail

1	Town officers' salaries,	\$ 317.00
2	Town officers' expenses,	179.85
3	Election and registration,	178.00
4	Expense of town hall,	409.58
	Painting town hall,	93.73
5	Fire protection,	302.30
6	State Aid maintenance,	2,394.86
7	Summer highway,	1,252.61
8	General expense of town,	197.41
9	Winter highway,	833.09
10	State Aid construction,	969.50
11	Street lighting,	360.00
12	Town poor,	152.92
13	Public library,	26.40

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14	Patriotic purposes,	15.00
15	Board of health,	34.00
16	Vital statistics,	10.25
17	Cutting bushes,	132.09
18	Interest,	405.34
19	Bounties,	6.20
20	Notes, short term,	1,000.00
21	State tax,	1,125.00
22	County tax,	1,019.37
23	Precinct tax,	500.78
24	Abatement,	313.07
25	School district,	3,531.27
26	Watering troughs,	34.50
27	Paid to State, 280 polls @ \$2.00,	560.00
28	Village bridge,	4,015.61
29	East Freedom bridge,	1,650.00
30	Sheep killed by dog,	5.00
		\$22,024.73
	Orders outstanding in 1922,	2.37
	Orders overpaid,	1.20
		\$22,028.30

Detail 1

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

L. G. Burnham, selectman,	\$60.00
J. H. Mitchell, selectman,	50.00
Charles M. Towle, selectman,	40.00
A. T. Durgin, treasurer,	25.00
W. C. Brooks, town clerk,	35.00
W. A. Bennett, tax collector,	100.00
John J. Bradbury, auditor,	2.00
Alonzo Durgin, constable,	5.00
	\$317.00

Detail 2

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Printing ballot for March election,	\$10.00
Webb-Smith, printing reports,	88.54
Special election in March,	5.00
Edson Eastman, dog license, tax book,	13.43
J. H. Mitchell, tax committee meeting,	7.42
L. G. Burnham, tax committee meeting,	7.42
Lock,	5.00
C. M. Towle, looking lumber,	3.00
L. G. Burnham, looking lumber,	3.00
J. H. Mitchell, looking lumber,	3.00
J. E. Perkins, postage and stationery,	3.85
W. C. Brooks, postage and express,	3.13
F. C. Bradbury, rebate on auto permit,	4.16
Eugene M. Drake, auto permit,	1.00
Eugene M. Drake, auto certificate,	1.65
W. C. Brooks, auto permit,	13.75
W. C. Brooks, issuing dog licenses,	5.00
George F. Huckins, express and stationery,	1.50
	\$179.85

Detail 3

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES

Edwin Huckins, moderator,	\$15.00
Eugene M. Drake, ballot clerk,	12.00
Wesley Milliken, ballot clerk,	9.00
Arthur A. Bennett, ballot clerk,	12.00
Harrie B. Milliken, ballot clerk,	3.00
Almon R. Bennett, ballot clerk,	12.00
Joseph S. Mills, gate keeper,	6.00
Walter Nutter, gate keeper,	3.00
Winslow H. Brown, gate keeper,	3.00
Perley K. Towle, gate keeper,	6.00
Benjamin Lufkin, gate keeper,	3.00
Alonzo E. Durgin, supervisor,	30.00
Frank Drew, supervisor,	30.00
George H. Fox, supervisor,	30.00
Aldo Lovering, gate keeper,	4.00
	\$178.00

Detail 4

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Freeman Fox, sawing wood,	\$10.50	
Darius Herriman, wood,	8.00	
Fred C. Bradbury, supplies, town hall,	10.87	
A. D. Smith, tuning piano,	4.50	
Water for hall,	8.00	
E. L. Mills, permit,	20.00	
Rose Foss, cleaning hall,	1.00	
Hiram Philbrick,	2.00	
George H. Fox, supplies,	1.80	
Drake & Son, supplies,	6.81	
Henry Sanborn, putting up stove pipe,	1.80	
W. T. Norton, stove pipe,	5.50	
Revenue tax,	31.25	
Harry Dewitt, wood,	20.00	
L. G. Burnham, wood,	10.00	
Town hall lights,	99.36	
Insurance on hall,	40.00	
		\$281.39

PAINTING TOWN HALL

Paint and oil,	\$34.30	
George H. Fox, labor,	29.93	
A. T. Durgin,	29.50	
		\$93.73
Amount raised,		\$175.00

RECEIPT FOR RENT OF HALL

Raymond Conner,	\$ 25.50	
George H. Fox,	303.00	
Ladies' Club,	2.50	
		\$331.00

JANITOR SERVICE

Raymond Conner,	\$ 20.50	
George H. Fox,	107.69	
		\$128.19

Detail 5

FIRE PROTECTION

Amount raised for hydrant,	\$300.00
F. C. Bradbury, soda for fire extinguisher,	1.20
Cap for chemical,	1.10
	\$302.30

Detail 6

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Money Expended by Town

B. F. Allard,	\$728.38
George Eastman,	270.00
E'mer Harmon,	78.73
Joseph S. Mills,	4.17
Jesse Hurd,	5.00
Arthur Bennett,	8.89
J. H. Mitchell,	19.47
Almont Gilman,	20.00
Carroll Thurston,	2.50
L. G. Burnham,	26.00
Henry Sanborn,	11.11
Victor Hayes,	2.20
Charles M. Towle,	71.50
Fred Weed,	5.00
Frank C. Tyler, marl,	17.40
Drain pipe,	6.12
Blacksmith work,	7.25
Morrison McBride,	50.00
	\$1,333.72

VILLAGE SQUARE AND HUNTRESS BRIDGE

Mark Winkley,	\$83.12
Irvin Winkley,	36.00
Cement mixer,	18.00
Jesse Hurd,	26.50
L. G. Burnham,	99.81
J. H. Mitchell,	120.67
Joshua Libby,	22.50
Asel Lovering,	12.50
Williams Evans,	12.50

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Leon Beck,	8.75
Freeman Fox,	7.23
Henry Sanborn,	31.39
S. O. Huckins,	132.29
Edith Sutton, marl,	7.90
C. M. Towle,	44.03
Wilbur Harmon,	7.92
Charles Gray,	20.00
Victor Hayes,	15.00
Guy Libby,	7.50
Morrison McBride,	2.50
Hiram Philbrick,	27.00
George Judkins,	1.25
Andrew Doherty,	12.00
Almont Gilman,	5.00
Harry Pearl,	10.00
James Moses,	2.00
Rochester Foundry,	232.80
Sidney Baker,	12.95
Sign Company,	37.03
Roy Meserve,	5.00
	\$1,061.14
Received from C. M. Towle, for sidewalk,	20.00
	\$1,041.14

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

State contribution,	\$1,000.00
State, unexpended 1921,	54.05
Town contribution,	1,000.00
Town, unexpended 1921,	54.05
	\$2,108.10
Additional expense by State,	\$268.44
Additional expense by town,	\$268.44
Money expended by B. F. Allard,	\$1,333.72
Money expended by L. G. Burnham,	1,041.14
State in oiling,	270.13
	\$2,644.99

Detail 7

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE, SUMMER
HIGHWAY

Fred L. Godfrey, Agent

A. D. Brown,	\$ 2.50
H. L. Weeks,	6.82
Clarence Wyman,	7.91
A. B. Pease,	8.74
Henry Sanborn,	6.40
Andrew Doherty,	2.50
John Godfrey,	46.24
L. H. Brooks,	23.45
F. L. Sargent,	2.50
Arthur Meserve,	10.64
Ernest Sargent,	20.00
Guy Rounds,	28.90
G. B. Rounds,	12.80
Leroy Meserve,	11.44
Harrison Judkins,	22.65
J. H. Mitchell,	5.50
Victor Hayes,	11.12
F. W. Brooks,	20.77
Stewart Bros.,	58.48
Wes'ey Wentworth,	7.50
W. A. Bennett,	17.41
Edwin Meserve,	21.74
A. A. Bennett,	2.91
A. E. Durgin,	6.40
R. M. Brooks,	16.50
Ray Brooks,	4.74
Daniel Brooks,	2.50
Frank McKinley,	2.50
George Eastman,	1.25
John Giles,	5.00
Fred L. Godfrey,	147.44
C. D. Godfrey,	17.22
W. H. Brown,	13.90
J. T. Libby,	13.65
	\$590.02

TOWN OF FREEDOM

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Verne Conner, Agent

Frank Drew,	\$ 5.00
Verne Conner,	165.38
John Stokes,	16.25
Herbert Herriman,	2.50
F. T. Bradley,	16.50
George I. Philbrick,	16.50
Joseph Tyler,	32.50
William Watson,	26.25
W. H. Pascoe,	49.50
Leon Gilley,	7.50
Clayton Eldridge,	2.50
Melvin Watson,	12.50
Eugene Hopkins,	12.50
Gardner Nason,	22.00
George A. Demeritt,	31.88
Mark Huckins,	3.00
Edith Sutton, marl,	1.40
Jesse Drew,	1.00
A. P. Merrow, lumber,	39.12
Frank Towle,	2.00
Fred Weed,	5.00
Frank Frost,	18.75
Frank Tyler,	11.00
	\$500.53

Total,	\$1,090.55
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Corrugated culvert,	\$86.91
Asel Lovering,	9.00
Jesse Hurd,	9.00
Frank Brooks, lumber,	26.40
Nails,	.70
Lumber, Effingham bridge,	56.00
Lumber, Verne Conner,	28.00
Fred C. Bradbury,	5.32
	\$1,311.88

Extra bills of Fred L. Godfrey:

Minnie Towle,	\$3.45	
F. L. Godfrey,	3.50	
Victor Hayes,	1.50	
A. E. Durgin, gravel,	3.20	
R. M. Brooks, gravel,	3.80	
J. H. Mitchell, gravel,	6.28	
Alice Weeks, gravel,	1.00	
Randall Stanley,	2.00	
		\$24.73
		\$1,336.61

Detail 8

GENERAL EXPENSE OF TOWN

Drills,	\$ 7.00	
Mark Winkley, drawing plank,	8.48	
Paint and glue for guideboard,	6.64	
B. & M. R. R., freight,	4.00	
J. Herbert, screen,	12.00	
Sidney Baker, snow roller,	6.50	
C. M. Towle, cartage and freight,	37.83	
Forest Leavitt, tramp to Ossipee,	6.00	
John Danforth, making, painting sign boards,	45.00	
Eugene M. Drake, painting sign,	2.50	
Alonzo Durgin, watch,	3.00	
Victor Hayes, fixing water,	1.50	
Frank Towle, barrel and pail,	1.50	
R. J. Hiner, hose,	10.00	
Sidney Baker, blacksmith,	9.23	
Kezar Falls Woolen Mill,	1.30	
George F. Huckins, money paid out,	4.50	
George F. Huckins, wood to run boiler for bridge,	12.00	
L. G. Burnham,	18.43	
		\$197.41

Detail 9

BREAKING DOWN SNOW, 1922-1923

Amount of money raised,		\$850.00
Curtis Libby,	\$82.50	
B. F. Allard,	75.44	
F. W. Brooks,	157.50	
R. M. Brooks,	135.00	
Mark Huckins,	108.00	
William Pascoe,	151.25	
L. G. Burnham,	71.50	
S. O. Huckins,	3.00	
William Watson,	48.90	
		\$833.09

Detail 10

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

A. E. Durgin,	\$126.01	
Fred Weed,	81.51	
J. H. Mitchell,	215.85	
Charles Gray,	10.00	
Joseph Tyler,	55.34	
John Thurston,	53.12	
Wilbur Harmon,	13.12	
Joseph Mills,	15.00	
Morrison McBride,	3.61	
H. L. Weeks,	35.42	
Jesse Drew,	53.12	
Guy Libby,	54.23	
A. D. Brown,	52.50	
Leroy Meserve,	20.00	
Melvin Watson,	39.37	
A. L. Mil's,	53.52	
Edith Sutton, marl,	13.10	
Frank Tyler, stone boat,	1.00	
Jesse Drew, gravel,	7.80	
S. O. Huckins, dynamite,	7.50	
R. L. Grindle,	.35	
G. A. Demeritt, fill,	52.40	
Sidney Baker, blacking work,	5.62	
		\$969.50

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State appropriation for 1922,	\$411.00	
Due from State, 1921,	50.65	
Town appropriation, 1921,	685.50	
Due from Town, 1921,	84.41	
		\$1,231.56
Money expended by town,	969.50	
Engineer and grate,	36.12	
		\$1,005.62
Balance due town,		\$225.94
Money expended by State,	\$344.08	
Money unexpended by State,	117.57	
Money expended by town,	661.74	
Money unexpended by town,	108.17	
		\$1,231.56

Detail 11

STREET LIGHTING

Amount raised,	\$360.00	
Amount expended,		\$360.00

Detail 12

TOWN POOR

Diras Herriman, wood, William Shaw,	\$ 4.00	
C. M. Towle, wood,	8.00	
O. E. Drake, supplies,	42.82	
R. L. Grindle, supplies,	20.08	
F. C. Bradbury, supplies,	18.20	
R. L. Grindle,	8.42	
W. A. Bennett, burial expense,	42.00	
Dr. E. B. Andrews, medical service,	8.50	
		\$152.90

Detail 13

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paid trustees, . . .	\$26.40
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Detail 14

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

T. L. Ambrose Post, M. C. Allard,	\$15.00
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Detail 15

BOARD OF HEALTH

L. G. Burnham, health meeting,	\$ 5.00	
J. H. Mitchell, health meeting,	5.00	
Dr. E. B. Andrews,	24.00	
		\$34.00

Detail 16

VITAL STATISTICS

Dr. E. B. Andrews, recording births and deaths,	\$2.50	
William C. Brooks, recording births and deaths,	7.50	
Dr. G. B. Weeks, recording births,	.25	
		\$10.25

Detail 17

CUTTING BUSHES

Charles Gray,	\$ 5.00	
Joshua Libby,	27.09	
E. L. Huckins,	17.00	
Joseph Mills,	7.50	
Amos Mills,	2.50	
Elmer Harmon,	7.50	
Henry Sanborn,	7.75	
Morrison McBride,	27.50	
William Watson,	4.00	
L. G. Burnham,	5.00	
Randall Stanley,	12.50	
J. I. Drew,	3.75	
Eugene Hopkins,	2.50	
Elwin Hopkins,	2.50	
		\$132.09
Amount raised,		\$125.00

Detail 18
INTEREST

Rochester Trust Co.,	\$70.84	
George A. Demeritt,	70.00	
A. A. Bennett,	60.00	
W. A. Bennett,	20.00	
Fred L. Godfrey,	42.50	
Mary Towle,	50.00	
Ada Clement,	10.00	
John Giles,	25.00	
A. R. Bennett,	25.00	
Mrs. J. L. Sargent,	7.00	
L. G. Burnham,	25.00	
		\$405.34

Detail 19
HEDGEHOG BOUNTIES

Amount due from State, 1921,	\$4.80	
Amount due from State, 1922,	6.20	
		\$11.00

Detail 20
NOTES, SHORT TERM

Rochester Trust Co.,	\$1,000.00
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Detail 21
STATE TAX

State tax,	\$1,125.00
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Detail 22
COUNTY TAX

County tax,	\$1,019.37
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Detail 23
PRECINCT TAX

Precinct tax,	\$500.78
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Detail 24

ABATEMENTS

M. J. Milliken, over 70, 1921 tax,	\$ 5.00
Frank Libby, moved out of town,	15.95
Henrietta Bradley, deceased,	5.00
Herbert Close, out of state,	5.00
Frank Frost, over 70,	5.00
Mrs. Frank Frost, claimed home in Lynn,	5.00
James Smith, paid in Effingham,	5.00
Otis Glidden, Malden,	5.00
Maurice Osgood, Ossipee,	3.00
C. M. Blaisdell, over 70,	5.00
Morrison McBride, Wolfeboro,	5.00
Jennie Taylor, over 70,	5.00
George H. Jones, lumber sold,	144.84
Publishing paper, C. P. Sweat property,	29.20
Brackett, Shaw & Lunt, engine taken out of state,	35.04
Prospect Co., portable mill,	29.20
Charles R. Hill,	5.84
	\$313.07

Detail 25

SCHOOL

Amount due school,	\$3,461.52
Dog tax,	69.75
	\$3,531.27

Detail 26

WATERING TROUGHS

M. J. Milliken, 1921,	\$2.00
A. L. Mills, 1921,	2.50
M. B. Godfrey, 1922,	2.50
Guy Libby,	2.50
William Watson,	2.50

Frank McKinley,	1.50	
L. J. Allard,	2.50	
Ernest Sargent,	2.50	
Edwin Meserve,	1.50	
Lorenzo Brooks,	1.50	
A. B. Pease,	2.50	
M. J. Milliken,	2.00	
A. L. Mills,	2.50	
Joseph Burke, 1921 and 1922,	6.00	
		\$34.50

Detail 27

Amount paid to State, 280 pol's @ \$2.00,	\$560.00
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Detail 28

VILLAGE BRIDGE

Mark Winkley,	\$300.07
Irving Winkley,	320.35
Amos Mills,	41.00
D. L. Herriman,	35.00
Henry Sanborn,	104.60
C. M. Towle,	309.45
Hiram Philbrick,	119.00
L. G. Burnham,	219.96
J. H. Mitchell,	105.50
Freeman Fox,	5.14
Charles Gray,	62.64
Jesse Drew,	33.28
Mark Huckins,	1.39
A. E. Durgin,	17.50
Joseph Mills,	30.56
Guy Libby,	28.33
Ira Moulton,	18.06
Cement mixer,	167.34
Ralph Davis,	76.40
Fred Williams,	59.17

TOWN OF FREEDOM

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Almont Gilman,	18.33
Walter Demeritt,	12.50
John Foss,	2.50
George Nichols, gasoline,	58.30
E. L. Mills,	50.90
George F. Huckins,	49.12
Joshua Libby,	69.73
Kezar Falls Woolen Co.,	5.50
Morrison McBride,	10.00
Elmer Harmon,	2.00
Clarence Wyman,	15.84
Daniel Colby,	6.39
Victor Hayes,	33.34
Kezar Water Co.,	97.18
S. O. Huckins, cement,	954.95
Gardner Nason,	2.50
John Chick,	20.31
Asel Lovering,	5.00
Jesse Hurd,	6.25
William Evans,	11.39
Charles Thompson,	2.50
Leon Beck,	2.50
George Judkins,	2.50
A. G. Fowler, water right,	125.00
H. F. Pray, blacksmith,	19.30
O. E. Drake,	31.86
H. E. Cutting, gravel,	26.00
H. E. Jones, lumber,	202.78
John E. Perkins, filing saws,	6.15
Frank McKinley,	11.25
	\$4,015.61
Received from S. O. Huckins, overpaid,	.50
	\$4,015.11
Amount expended in 1921,	2,383.42
	\$6,398.53

Lumber for Effingham bridge,	\$56.00
Lumber for Verne Conner,	28.00
Lumber for C. M. Towle,	7.00
Cement for C. M. Towle,	7.81
Cement for J. H. Mitchell,	18.85
	\$117.66
	\$6,280.87
Not given any credit by State,	11.59
	\$6,269.28
Expended by State,	474.74
Total,	\$6,744.02
Paid by State,	2,023.21
Town expense of bridge,	\$4,720.81

Detail 29

East Freedom Bridge, contract,	\$1,650.00
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Detail 31

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS

Fred L. Godfrey,	\$5.00
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L. G. BURNHAM,
J. H. MITCHELL,
CHARLES M. TOWLE,

Selectmen of Freedom.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen and find them properly cast and vouchers for the same.

JOHN J. BRADBURY,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL STANDING

LIABILITIES

Due school district, dog license,	\$ 57.00
George A. Demeritt, note,	1,550.00
Mrs. J. L. Sargent, note,	175.00
Fred L. Godfrey, note,	850.00
Mary Towle, note,	1,000.00
A. A. Bennett, note,	1,200.00
W. A. Bennett, note,	400.00
Lilla Bennett, note,	200.00
A. R. Bennett, note,	500.00
Ada Clement, note,	200.00
L. G. Burnham, note,	500.00
John Giles, note,	500.00
Rochester Trust Co., note,	4,500.00
	\$11,632.00

ASSETS

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$2,570.25
Due from W. A. Bennett, Collector,	469.56
Due from State, bounties on hedgehogs,	11.00
Due from State, $\frac{1}{2}$ gravel pit, note,	200.00
One-half gravel pit owned by town,	250.00
Due from State construction,	117.57
	\$3,618.38
Town indebtedness, January 31, 1923,	\$8,013.62

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from J. E. Perkins,	\$ 989.25
Received from E. M. Drake,	52.46
Rochester Trust Co.,	5,500.00
W. A. Bennett, Collector,	14,408.29
W. C. Brooks, dog tax,	67.00
W. C. Brooks, auto permits,	474.90
W. C. Brooks, nomination fees,	12.00
William Branz, pedler's license,	5.00
State Aid maintenance,	1,052.36
State Aid construction,	307.96

State Aid bridge account,	886.01	
State Aid savings bank tax,	225.72	
G. H. Fox, rent of hall,	331.00	
Lilla Bennett, note,	200.00	
J. Harold Mitchell,	17.20	
C. M. Towle,	36.46	
State forest fire bills,	32.94	
		\$24,598.55
Paid Selectmen's orders,		22,028.30
Balance,		\$2,570.25
	A. T. DURGIN,	
	Treasurer.	

LIBRARY REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, January 31, 1923,	\$58.98	
Received from town,	26.40	
Received from fines,	1.10	
		\$86.48

EXPENDITURES

To Rose Foss, for services as librarian,	\$23.00	
New books,	26.72	
Postage,	.04	
Cash in treasury,	36.72	
		\$86.48

Mrs. Lois Black gave her usual donation of books.

The trustees suggest that the town raise each year \$50.00 for the library instead of the usual \$26.40.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBY W. NUTTER.

NELLIE M. ALLARD.

CHARLOTTE M. MILLIKEN.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the library trustees and find them properly cast.

JOHN J. BRADBURY,
Auditor.

NOMINATION FEES

George I. Philbrick, rep.,	\$2.00
Leroy E. Goss, rep.,	2.00
Eugene B. Hopkins, ballot clerk,	1.00
Aldo A. Lovering, ballot clerk,	1.00
Fred C. Stuart, ballot clerk,	1.00
George I. Philbrick, moderator,	1.00
Edwin L. Huckins, moderator,	1.00
Frank K. Drew, ballot clerk,	1.00
George H. Fox, ballot clerk,	1.00
Alonzo E. Durgin, ballot clerk,	1.00
Total,	\$12.00

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Trust Funds of the Town of Freedom, N. H., for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1923, is as follows:

Nancy Skillings fund,	\$100.00
Interest unexpended, 1921,	1.00
Interest for year 1922,	6.00
	\$107.00

Paid John Foss, labor on lot,	\$ 2.00
Trust Fund,	100.00
Unexpended balance,	5.00
	\$107.00

Nancy Burns fund,	\$200.00
Unexpended balance from 1921,	2.50
Interest for 1922,	8.50
	\$211.00

1922		
June	8. Paid V. O. Hayes, labor on lot,	\$2.50
	8. Paid for cement,	1.05
	8. W. A. Bennett, labor and team,	3.50

Nov. Paid J. A. Tyler, labor,	1.00	
Paid W. A. Bennett, labor and team,	2.95	
Trust fund,	200.00	
		\$211.00

Bradbury and Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
January, 1923, interest on fund,	8.00	
		\$208.00

September, paid W. A. Bennett, cleaning		
stones and monument,	\$2.00	
September, paid for cutting grass,	1.00	
Trust fund,	200.00	
Unexpended balance,	5.00	
		\$208.00

Eliza J. Alley fund,	\$100.00	
January, 1923, received interest,	3.40	
		\$103.40

November, 1922, paid W. A. Bennett,		
labor on lot,	\$ 3.40	
Trust fund,	100.00	
		\$103.40

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BENNTTT,
Treasurer of Trustees.

ARTHUR P. MERROW,
WILLIAM A. BENNETT,
WESLEY R. MILLIKEN,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the trust funds and find them properly cast and vouch for the same.

JOHN J. BRADBURY,
Auditor.

To the Selectmen of Freedom :

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed at the June session, 1877, I hereby submit the following report for the year ending January 31, 1923 :

AUTOMOBILE PERMITS, 1922

No.

1	Ozro F. Parsons,	\$13.94
2	J. A. Tyler,	4.20
3	Harvey D. Stuart,	2.20
4	Charles M. Towle,	5.45
5	Charles M. Towle,	2.75
6	Lewis G. Burnham,	5.10
7	M. J. Collins,	1.75
8	F. O. Bradbury,	10.63
9	M. P. Goss,	46.67
10	Drake & Son,	3.85
11	Curtis E. Libby,	8.67
12	M. B. Godfrey,	8.67
13	R. H. Conner,	9.69
14	Lettie B. Connor,	1.80
15	J. W. Stokes,	5.10
16	Bert Welch,	1.80
17	Harvey J. Lord,	8.67
18	E. B. Andrews,	11.05
19	W. H. and A. D. Brown,	3.88
20	H. B. Milliken,	5.93
21	B. M. Nason,	5.25
22	B. F. Clark,	6.63
23	A. E. Durgin,	1.80
24	F. K. Drew,	2.63
25	Frank Libby,	2.20
26	Charles M. Towle,	28.75
27	Jesse I. Drew,	3.98
28	Thomas J. Burke,	6.63
29	Fred C. Stuart,	21.48
30	Verne C. Ramsdell,	16.92

31	J. P. and F. L. Godfrey,	1.80
32	Frank W. Brooks,	6.30
33	Frank W. Brooks,	3.85
34	E. H. Leavitt,	2.48
35	W. A. Bennet & Son,	27.63
36	George I. Philbrick,	7.15
37	George W. Eastman,	2.20
38	E. L. Hopkins,	8.67
39	George F. Huckins,	21.00
40	H. W. Pearl,	5.25
41	Amos L. Mills,	9.55
42	Maud A. Lincoln,	21.48
43	H. B. Milliken,	15.31
44	J. C. Bucher,	7.57
45	H. R. Ross,	2.98
46	Arthur A. Bennett,	21.48
47	Beedy Philbrick,	2.45
48	Frank McKinley,	2.30
49	Fred C. Bradbury,	5.36
50	Bert Welch,	.40
51	Victor O. Hayes,	2.48
52	Ruth M. Meserve,	11.95
53	Cora B. Nason,	1.38
54	Herbert F. Pray,	11.52
55	Sydney D. Baker,	3.32
	Fred C. Bradbury, January 6, 1923,	10.97
Total,		\$474.90

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

School Board

Monson B. Godfrey, term expires 1923.

Alice E. Weeks, term expires 1924.

Arthur A. Bennett, term expires 1925.

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD C. WINGATE

Medical Supervisor

DR. E. B. ANDREWS

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Freedom, N. H., January 31, 1923.

The school board herewith submit to the citizens of the school district of Freedom the financial standing of the district from July 1, 1921, to June 30, 1922.

We believe our schools are doing good work now, and that we have at this time efficient teachers in both rooms.

The school work is under the personal supervision of our superintendent, Mr. Wingate, in whom we place all confidence for the proper management and planning of the school work, and the towns of this supervisory union are fortunate in securing and being able to keep a superintendent that is so well liked in the four towns.

The expense of transportation is an item which is increasing from year to year and must be cut down in some way, perhaps by opening some of the rural schools.

Another expense which is more burdensome, since the district has now to bear the entire expense rather than the State, is high school tuition. We have 11 pupils in high schools this year, eight of which we are paying tuition for, which will amount to \$410.00.

The school district will be obliged to ask for a deficiency appropriation again this year and it is hoped the school laws of the State may be changed in the near future so the smaller towns may have a fair chance.

This report contains the report of our superintendent, also the report of the medical supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

MANSON B. GODFREY,

Chairman School Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FREEDOM

For Year Beginning July 1, 1921, and Ending June 30,
1922

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, July 1, 1921,	\$ 417.35
Received from State.	505.72
Received from town by taxation,	3,140.84
Received from town, deficiency appro- priation,	300.00
Received from sources other than tax- ation,	253.05
	\$4,616.96

EXPENDITURES

Salaries of district officers,	\$ 59.00
Superintendent's excess salary,	88.23
School census,	5.00
Expenses of administration,	39.09
Teachers' salaries,	1,440.00
Text books,	72.56
Scholars' supplies,	80.28
Flags and appurtenances,	4.00
Janitor service,	135.00
Fuel,	107.00
Water and janitor supplies,	9.50
Minor repairs and expenses,	11.00
Medical inspection,	15.00
Transportation of pupils,	1,479.20
High school and academy tuition,	103.33
Elementary school tuition,	67.00
Other special activities,	6.00
Repairs from special appropriation,	98.86
Payment of principal of debt,	400.00
Payment of interest on debt,	38.00
Tax for State-wide supervision,	156.00
Payment of bills from previous year,	153.57
	\$4,567.62
Total cash on hand at end of year, (June 30, 1922),	49.34
	\$4,616.96

FINANCIAL STANDING

ASSETS

Balance, June 30, 1922,	\$ 49.34	
Due from town (deficiency appropriation),	125.00	
		\$174.34

LIABILITIES

Due Parsonsfield Seminary:		
Tuition for Reta Bradbury,	\$30.00	
Tuition for Hazel Weeks,	30.00	
		\$60.00
Excess assets over liabilities,		114.34
		\$174.34

NOTES OUTSTANDING

Almont T. Durgin,	\$125.00	
Almont T. Durgin,	175.00	
		\$300.00
Amount of debt,		\$300.00

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. B. GODFREY,

Chairman School Board.

JOHN J. BRADBURY,

School District Auditor.

Required annual report of school board and district, stating amount of money needed for support of schools and statutory requirements for school year, July 1, 1923, to June 30, 1924.

1	Estimate of amount of a \$5.00 tax on equalized valuation,	\$2,305.29
2	Estimate for payment of high school tuition,	410.00
3	Estimate for payment of per capita tax,	154.00
4	Estimate for payment of debt,	300.00
5	Estimate for payment of other statutory requirements,	125.00
6	Estimate for payment of superintendent's excess salary,	90.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Board of Freedom :

The year, which ended June 30, 1922, proved to be one of considerable progress for our schools. The two rooms of the Village school were the only ones maintained during the year, all the pupils from the outlying districts,—with the exception of three at the head of Ossipee Lake, who were carried to the West Ossipee school,—being transported to the village. In the upper room, Mr. Bennett continued the high grade of work that was maintained the year previous, and in the lower, Miss Furlong carried forward the excellent work that Mrs. Jones began. Mr. Bennett remains in charge of the upper grades again this year, but Miss Furlong resigned and accepted a position in Massachusetts. Miss Jennie B. Harwood taught the lower room during the fall term of the present year, and Mrs. Anna Heikes has been engaged to complete the school year.

There seems to be some misconception concerning the status of scholars between the ages of five and eight years. The compulsory age for school attendance is eight years; a child may enter school, however, after he is five years old, provided he starts at the beginning of the fall term. When he is once registered as a member of any school, he is subject to the same rules and regulations that govern all scholars. To be sure, the parent has the right to take him out of school, but in that case he must stay out until the beginning of the next year. In no case can the attendance be intermittent.

While it is the province of the school board, and not the superintendent, to have control of the school's financial affairs, I should like to speak briefly of the reason for the large reduction in the amount of State aid which Freedom received last year, and will receive this year, compared with the amount paid to the school district the two years previous.

The school law of 1919 provided that any school dis-

trict which should raise the full amount of its \$5 tax, should be entitled to State aid for its additional approved expenditures. Unfortunately, but due largely to general conditions, the total of approved expenditure of all districts—above the \$5 tax—was much greater in the school year, 1920-1921, than the legislative appropriation for the purpose, and so the legislature which met in 1921 felt obligated to make up the amount due the districts by a deficiency appropriation. It then proceeded to modify the law with relation to State aid so that in the future this condition could not again arise. The modification of the law is as follows: "If in any year the approved claims of the several districts entitled to State aid shall be in excess of the appropriation, a sufficient number of districts shall be omitted from the distribution to bring the total amount of the grants within the limits of the appropriation. The eliminated districts shall be those in which payments for current local expenditures for public education, as measured in dollars and cents per one thousand dollars of equalized valuation, were, during the previous year, the lowest; except that the State board shall have authority in its discretion to withhold from such general distribution an amount not exceeding five per cent of the appropriation for State aid which it may use to furnish additional aid to districts where special need exists."

The State aid appropriation for last year, and also for this, was \$325,000. The approved claims of all districts totaled nearly \$350,000. Obviously, according to the change in the law, some districts had to be entirely eliminated from the State aid distribution, or else share in the five per cent distribution, according to the discretion of the State Board of Education. The latter course was followed, and so Freedom, being one of the districts "in which payments for current local school expenditures were lowest," received last year but \$505.72, instead of the approved claim of \$1,386.65. This year the school district has received but \$385.63 out of an allotment of

\$1,432.80, which means that the school board will be under the necessity of asking for a deficiency appropriation at the district meeting again this year. This situation is most unfortunate, and it is to be hoped that the present legislature will do something to remedy the condition.

In order to keep down expenses as much as possible,—since the State aid allowance was reduced,—the purchase of text books and general scholars' supplies has been limited. A good teacher can do much to make up for the lack of books and supplies, but not entirely. The school that is working with inadequate equipment is handicapped. I appreciate the kindness of individuals who have contributed gifts which have helped to meet our needs. In particular, let me thank Mrs. William Brooks for her contribution of pictures, views, magazines, and especially for the excellent five-volume American History by Woodrow Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. WINGATE,
Superintendent.

LIST OF TEACHERS, 1921-1922

School	Grade	Teacher	No. of weeks	Salary
Village	4-8	Phil. A. Bennett	36	\$720.
Village	1-3	Ruth E. Furlong	36	720.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE BY SCHOOLS, 1921-1922

School	Grade	Total Membership	Average Membership	Per Cent of Attendance
Village	4-8	33	33	92
Village	1-3	31	25	88
		—	—	—
		64	58	90

MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES, 1921-1922

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	10	12	9	11	2	13	0	7

GRADUATES, 1922

Blanche Brooks	Jennie Cole	Rita Lovering
Philip Brooks	Donald Douglass	Fred Weed

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1922-1923

Rita Bradbury	Parsonsfield Seminary
Beda Gray	Lyndon Academy
Beatrice Giles	Madison High School
Madeline Giles	Madison High School
Grace Godfrey	Madison High School
Jennie Harriman	Brewster Academy
Sadie Harriman	Brewster Academy
Avis Mills	Brewster Academy
John Turell	Madison High School
Hazel Weeks	Parsonsfield Seminary
Dorothy Huckins	Madison High School

ROLL OF HONOR, 1921-1922

Year—Three Terms

Leila Mason	Roy Philbrick	Pauline Towle
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TWO TERMS

Carroll Chase	Rita Lovering	Everett Nichols
Lois Eaton	Clifford Milliken	June Nichols
Lionel Giles	Ernest Nason	Edward Stokes

ONE TERM

Evelyn Brooks	Albert Lovering	Edwin Mills
Donald Chase	Lahlia Lovering	Gardner Nason
Barbara Lincoln	Nelson Lovering	Paul Nutter
	Eva Sanborn	

HEALTH SUPERVISION—DISTRICT SUMMARY, 1921-22

Examiner, Dr. E. B. Andrews

Number of Pupils Examined, 51

	No. of cases found	No. of cases reported to parent	No. of cases treated since last examination
Malnutrition,	13		
Defective Vision,	15	5	2
Defective Hearing,	4		
Anaemia,	1		
Defective Teeth,	17		3
Hypertrophied Tonsils,	19	9	2
Adenoids,	1		
Enlarged Glands,	1		
Unvaccinated,	25		

TRANSPORTATION, 1922-1923

Route	Name of Conveyor	Where Conveyed	No. of Pupils	Cost per week
Swett and Young's Hills	Clarence Godfrey	Village	6	\$14.00
Cushing's Corner	Manson B. Godfrey	Village	5	15.00
East Freedom	Harry Pearl	Village	1	4.50
Ossipee Lake	J. T. Burke	West Ossipee	2	8.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health wishes again to call attention to the danger of leaving dead animals unburied.

The epidemics that have occurred during the year have been mild with a very low rate of mortality.

E. B. ANDREWS,
Member Board of Health.

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